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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

**4TH & 5TH JULY,
2020**

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With the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions more people are allowed to attend Mass.

You are now invited to attend Mass **every week** at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)

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Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.



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The Living Word

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th July 2020

First Reading

Zec 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah
See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O
Lord, and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your
reign and declare your might, O God.
(R.)

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

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Second Reading

Rom 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



Historical Context – Jewish education

Education in Galilee at the time of Jesus was highly valued. From the age of five, all boys and girls studied to memorise in totality the five books of the Torah (the first five books of the Bible). This period of study was called *Beth Sefer*. From about 10-14 they continued studying and memorising the remaining books of scripture (*Beth Talmud*). From about 14 or 15, only the very best students would enter *Beth Midrash* and apply to a rabbi to become his *talmid* – disciple – and seek to take on that rabbi's yoke.

Living the Gospel – Shoulder my yoke

Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke he invites us to shoulder is the deceptively simple teaching: love God and love your neighbour. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others. To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them.

Have you thought? Thank God!

Jesus' quite intimate words to the Father in today's passage carry with them an enormous amount of relief and perhaps released frustration. It is almost a cry of 'Thank God!' for his disciples have finally 'got it'. Jesus blesses the Father for revealing the truth to these simple men whom Jesus had chosen to follow him. The men Jesus chose as disciples were not following another rabbi and so had not been the very best students from their village. They had the education of most children but nothing more – otherwise they would have been following someone else!

REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate* Not an Outsider but an Insider

In the Jewish story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes 'Adam'. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind or Spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human when the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being.

St Paul tells the early converts in Rome, those recently baptised, and therefore tells us who are baptised: 'The Spirit of God has made his home in you.'

Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way. Baptism re-creates us, sharing in the life of the true Adam.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle *in* them the fire of your love.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians.

The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself.

The overriding disposition of these readings is humility. Jesus, the human manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name. In Jesus we have known the tender touch of God, and we are grateful.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July *Our Families*



We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * For what is Jesus giving thanks to the Father?
- * What advantage do 'mere children' have over the 'learned and the clever'?
- * How does this explanation of 'yoke' change your understanding of the passage?
- * How might people have reacted to Jesus saying, 'My yoke is easy and my burden light'?
- * In what ways do you try to shoulder the yoke of Jesus?

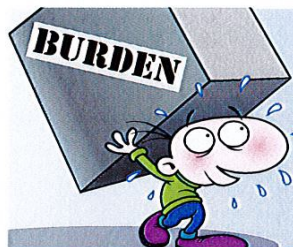
Questions for Adults

- * In what ways do the two halves of today's reading complement each other?
- * Why might God have hidden things from 'the learned and the clever'?
- * How might we find rest for our souls if we take up the yoke of Jesus?
- * What message do you take from today's gospel and reflection?



This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * Who are some people you know who are wise?
- * What makes them wise?
- * Jesus says that ordinary people can be wise if they know God.
- * What is God like?
- * Jesus says he is gentle and humble. How can we be gentle and humble?



If you are burdened, I will give you rest

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

In the box below, write down some things that are burdens which people carry in their lives.



Jesus tells us that he is gentle and humble. How can we be gentle and humble like Jesus? Draw a picture of yourself being gentle and showing humility towards others.

Find out what Jesus said to his followers by using the words below to complete the sentences.



_____ to me all who _____.

I will give you _____.

I am _____ and humble of _____.

My _____ is easy.

My burden is _____.

heart gentle labour
Come yoke light rest

Church Cleaning Roster

As the Church is now being used the Church Cleaning Roster is up and running. A new roster has been prepared and distributed. If you have not received your copy of the roster please contact the parish office by email. Thank you to those who continue to volunteer for this ministry.

Counting Roster

Counting of the weekly collections has now recommenced and the roster has been emailed to volunteers.

Ministry Roster

A Ministry Roster commencing this weekend until the end of August has been drafted and emailed to volunteers. We are currently in the process of completing a roster until the end of October, which will be emailed in due course.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is still suspended until further notice.

Parish Office Hours

At this stage, the Parish Office operating hours have not returned to normal. If you need to visit the office please call first to ensure that someone is there. Please leave a message if we don't answer and we'll get back to you. You are also welcome to email. In the case of an emergency please contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

**We, the people of Corpus Christi,
seek to grow in living
a Christ-centred mission,
sharing our gifts to foster welcome,
justice and community in today's world.**

**Thank You dear parishioners for your
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Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Anniversaries:

Bibiana Zahra (22/07/17)

Mass Intentions:

Jane Micallef (10/06/14), Cameron Hargreaves, James Vella (02/05), Maryann Azzopardi (14/05/16), Michael McCormack (20/06/07), Kevin McCormack (04/05/19)

Recently Deceased:

Susan Foster (10/05/), Margaret Vella (11/05)

And for those who are sick:

Joan Schneider

If any parishioner would like Fr Chris to offer Mass for someone who is recently deceased, a loved one's anniversary or if someone is sick, please email the Parish Office.

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PARISH	LOCATION	LINK TO LIVESTREAM
PADRE PIO PARISH	Glenmore Park Parish	Streaming through Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH	Kingswood Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjpl15JI6H8TrHkEB6lSdw/featured
ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	Marayong Parish	Streaming through Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/
ST MARGARET MARYS	Merrylands Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6FezbQbHtu-MSyWUSnaAcA
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES	Seven Hills Parish	Streamed Mass over weekend to Facebook Live https://www.facebook.com/LOL7Hills/videos/206449013914284/
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/

Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment, receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you now as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen*



Parramatta Diocesan News

PROJECT COMPASSION UPDATE

Due to COVID-19, Project Compassion has been extended and you are invited to return your boxes or envelopes to Mass or the Parish Office.

If you are unable to do this please contact 1800 024 413 or go to lent.caritas.org.au. A video message from Caritas Australia on how they are helping around the world can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk7AvhdL0IM>. For any further support, please contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org

Institute for Mission

Formation opportunity for adults

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program (Word and Mission) is going ahead starting from 18 August. In keeping with COVID-19 restrictions, the IFM will operate under the relevant health authority guidelines. Part Two is being offered for free as a response to COVID-19 with limited spots available. For details and registration, visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or contact Sr Grace on grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au.

Office for Worship

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Office For Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation course will recommence in August at both the Institute for Mission, Blacktown and St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith. Two workshops on Liturgical Ministry will also be provided in October at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. Note: due to restrictions there are limited places available. For more information, contact the Office for Worship on anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org

Office For Worship Resources Available

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for baptism or a collation of prayers can be purchased by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

CatholicCare is Still Open and Operational

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains services remain open and operational during the current COVID-19 outbreak. Individual offices have been closed to clients, but the service continues to operate with care and support offered via phone, video conferencing/telehealth and online. To make a referral, call 8843 2500 (Mon-Thu 8.30am-8pm, Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm), email - enquiries@ccss.org.au or visit ccss.org.au.

Out of School Hours Care

If you are adjusting to a new work routine and your normal care arrangements have been interrupted by COVID-19, the Diocese's network of 27 Catholic Out of School Hours Care services are all open and accepting enrolments for children in Years K-6. For more information and bookings, please contact eyec@parra.catholic.edu.au

Saturday Sessions

Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions, hosted by the Pastoral Planning Office. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith and then join an online group discussion via Zoom. Visit the Diocese of Parramatta's Facebook page each week for details. Contact Lisa Bright on lisa.bright@parracatholic.org to join the mailing list to receive session information.

Catholic Youth Parramatta



Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

SRE Learning From Home

During the school shutdown, CCD designed some faith resources for families to access for their children as they learned from home. These lessons are fun and prepared specifically for each age group 5-13. The lessons can be found at <https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>. For more information contact cecilia.zammit@parracatholic.org

Share your Good News Stories!

Thank you for all that you continue to do to share the love and peace of God. Our Pastoral Planning Office welcomes your good news stories of hope and encouragement during COVID-19 to share with parishes and communities across our Diocese. If you have a good news story to offer, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/goodnewsstory>

Positions Vacant:

✻ Human Resources Adviser - Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Life, Marriage and Family Office

The Life, Marriage and Family Office will recommence their pre-marriage education courses from the weekend of 24th and 26th July 2020. Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place, with other arrangements to be made if government requirements change. To view course dates for the remainder of 2020 and to book and pay for your preferred pre-marriage course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.



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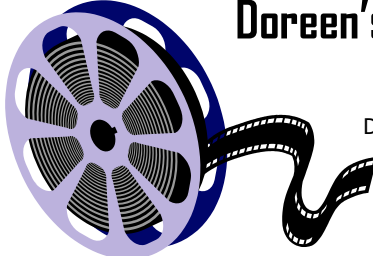
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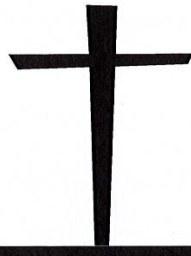
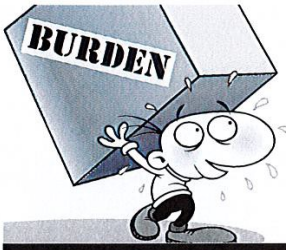
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Solution

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Find out what Jesus said to his followers by using the words below to complete the sentences.



Come to me all who **labour**.

I will give you **rest**.

I am **gentle** and humble of **heart**.

My **yoke** is easy.

My burden is **light**.

heart **gentle** **labour**
Come **yoke** **light** **rest**